

GSC Takes Graduate Student Welfare Bill To Washington D.C.

By Ana Lyons
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT's Graduate Student Council (GSC) recently added national policy to its otherwise campus-based advocacy agenda, pushing for tax exemption of graduate student stipends, open access to federally funded published research, and higher caps on H1-B visas for advanced-degree holders to members of Congress earlier this fall.

By engaging in national lobbying efforts and making plans to help draft a House bill focusing specifically on tax exemptions of graduate student stipends, the GSC has taken steps to integrate national-level policy into its standard itinerary — a task that President Alex Hamilton Chan said has not been attempted in previous years.

“The GSC is moving toward looking at national legislation because a lot of grad student welfare stems from this,” Chan said.

According to the GSC platform, both graduate students and the nation at large would benefit if any of these majoring lobby issues were implemented.

By making graduate student stipends tax exempt — as they were before Tax Reform Act of 1986 — the GSC says that students could save hundreds of dollars a month, encour-

aging more individuals to pursue much-needed advanced degrees.

Lifting the cap on H1-B visas could likewise help the nation to hire more skilled professionals in the US, which would in turn create more jobs for the economy.

The GSC also felt that the pending Federal Research Public Access Act of 2009 (S. 1373) was worth lobbying for. By making federally funded research over \$100 million dollars open access, it would “enhance advanced research access and ensure that taxpayer-funded research is available to those who paid for it.”

MIT's GSC was recently recognized for its work, being nominated by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) for the 2009 “Graduate/Professional Student Organization of the Year.”

GSC Execs Lobby in Washington

Executive members of MIT's GSC travelled to Washington, D.C. to lobby for graduate student stipend tax exemptions, lifting the H1-B visa cap, and implementing open access publication policies for federally funded research as part of the NAGPS's annual “Legislative Action Days” from last September 30 to October 2.

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MELISSA RENÉE SCHUMACHER—THE TECH

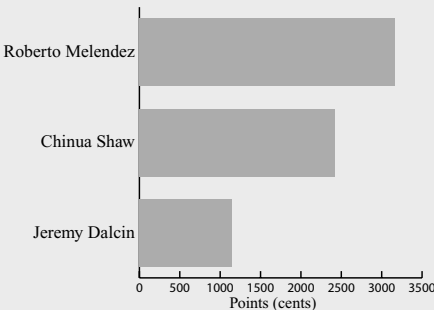
The MIT Cube Club held its first cubing competition on Saturday. Dozens of competitors gathered from around the country in 26-100 to test their skills at solving Rubik's Cubes. Puzzles varied in difficulty; 5x5x5 cubes are seen here.

Let the Ugliness Begin

The race for the APO Ugliest Man on Campus kicked off yesterday with the first three contestants: Roberto J. Melendez '12, Chinua E. Shaw '13, and Jeremy B. Dalcin '13. Interestingly, all candidates are residents of Next House. However, there are rumors from APO's Kelly A. Drinkwater '11 that the Bexely-Minus-Fascists Sink will enter the competition soon. Students can vote for the ugly candidates by placing pennies or bills into their corresponding jars. One point is equal to one cent.

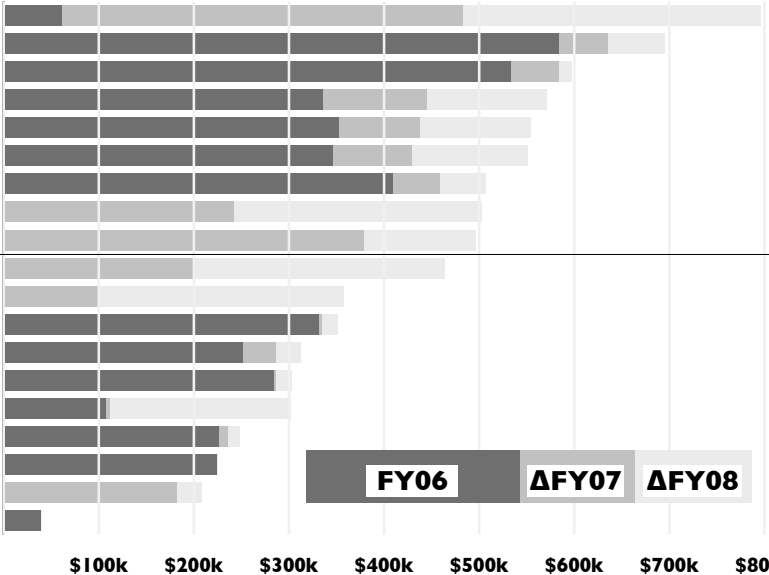
—Robert McQueen

Donations Through Monday



2007–2008 Top Salaries at MIT, With a Bit of History

Name	Title	FY08 Compensation	FY07 to FY08 %	FY07 to FY08 Δ	FY06 to FY07 %	FY06 to FY07 Δ
Seth Alexander	President of MITIMCo	\$795,960 *	165%	\$313,141	795%	\$422,125
Susan Hockfield	President	\$695,435	109%	\$60,141	109%	\$51,744
Donald Lessard	Professor — Sloan School	\$597,154 §**	102%	\$13,395	109%	\$50,122
Steve Marsh	MITIMCo, Real Estate	\$571,152 §*	128%	\$125,658	133%	\$110,404
Philip Rotner	MITIMCo, Private Equity	\$553,703 §*	126%	\$115,744	124%	\$85,147
Daniel Steele	MITIMCo, Private Equity	\$550,933 §*	128%	\$121,508	124%	\$83,700
Rafael Reif	Provost	\$507,449	111%	\$49,071	112%	\$48,984
Theresa Stone	Executive Vice President	\$502,496	207%	\$260,261	—	—
Martin Kelly	MITIMco, Private Equity	\$496,316 §*	131%	\$117,416	—	—
R. Gregory Morgan	General Counsel	\$464,103 †	233%	\$264,636	—	—
Jeffrey Newton	VP, Resource Dev.	\$357,130	356%	\$256,829	—	—
Joel Moses	Past Provost	\$351,028	105%	\$16,874	101%	\$2,834
Philip Clay	Chancellor	\$312,078 ‡	109%	\$25,968	114%	\$34,458
John Deutch	Past Provost	\$302,420	106%	\$16,300	101%	\$1,792
Paul Gray	Past President	\$301,724	270%	\$189,924	104%	\$4,480
Dana Mead	Corp. Chairman	\$247,904	105%	\$12,269	104%	\$8,955
Kathryn Willmore	Past Corp. Secretary	\$222,800	100%	-\$280	100%	-\$570
Kirk Kolenbrander	Corp. Secretary	\$208,000	114%	\$26,000		\$182,000
Howard Johnson	Past President	\$39,530	100%	\$0	100%	\$0



Compensation includes regular salaries as well as deferred compensation from prior years; it does not include contributions to employee benefit plans, which we have included in this chart in prior years.

This data is for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 (MIT's fiscal year 2008, IRS tax year 2007). IRS Form 990 includes compensation to current and former “officers, directors, and trustees” as well as the “five highest paid employees” (§). Therefore, the list beneath Martin

Kelly is not comprehensive.

The percent change (%) and difference (Δ) are calculated from prior year's forms.

§ Appears in list of top five [non-officer] salaries.

* Seth Alexander's compensation includes \$267,500 of incentive compensation reported as deferred compensation in prior years' 990 forms. Steve Marsh's compensation includes \$216,145 of such, Philip Rotner's includes \$214,240, Daniel Steele's includes \$212,381,

and Martin Kelly's includes \$188,874.

** Professor Lessard has a children's educational loan with a balance as of June 30, 2008 of \$47,843. His \$597,154 includes income from “executive education,” he said.

† R. Gregory Morgan has a \$200,000 mortgage loan with a balance as of June 30, 2008 of \$200,000.

‡ Chancellor Clay has a children's educational loan with a balance as of June 30, 2008 of \$5,000.



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In Short

¶ Drop Date is this Wednesday. Submit signed forms to Student Services Center (11-120). Late forms incur a \$40 fee.

¶ An H1N1 Vaccine Clinic will be held today for MIT Students in the MacGregor House Dining Room from 11:30 to 4:30. Students must

bring their ID to be vaccinated.

¶ The final report of the Planning Task Force has been further delayed until after Thanksgiving. The report was originally scheduled for Oct. 30 release, but that was too spooky!

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WORLD & NATION

Money Starts to Trickle North as Mexicans Help Out Relatives

By Marc Lacey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MIAHUATLAN, MEXICO

During the best of the times, Miguel Salcedo’s son, an illegal immigrant in San Diego, would be sending home hundreds of dollars a month to support his struggling family in Mexico. But at times like these, with the American economy out of whack and his son out of work, Salcedo finds himself doing what he never imagined he would have to do: wiring pesos north.

Unemployment has hit migrant communities in the United States so hard that a startling new phenomenon has been detected: instead of receiving remittances from relatives in the richest country on earth, some down-and-out Mexican families are scraping together what they can to support their unemployed loved ones in the United States.

“We send something whenever we have a little extra, at least enough so he can eat,” said Salcedo, who is from a small village here in the rural state of Oaxaca and works a variety of odd jobs to support his wife, his two younger sons and, now, his jobless eldest boy in California.

Car Sales Help Spur 1.4 Percent Rise in U.S. Retail Sales

By Javier C. Hernandez

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Retail sales in the United States increased by a higher-than-expected 1.4 percent in October from September, helped by a strong demand for cars, the government said Monday.

Prices, however, were 1.7 percent below October a year ago.

The data gave hope to the idea that consumers might begin spending again even in the absence of government incentives like the cash-for-clunkers program. But the numbers were also high because the Commerce Department substantially revised downward its September data. It said sales were down 2.3 percent in September, not the 1.5 percent it had originally estimated.

The increases came in large part because of automobile sales, which climbed 7.4 percent. In September, after the government ended its clunkers program, auto sales fell 14.3 percent. When auto sales were excluded from the numbers, the overall rise was 0.2 percent, which was lower than expectations.

New Guidelines Suggest Fewer Mammograms

By Gina Kolata

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Most women should start regular breast cancer screening at age 50, not 40, according to new guidelines released Monday by a group that provides guidance to doctors, insurance companies and policymakers.

The recommendations reverse long-standing guidelines and are aimed at reducing harm from overtreatment, the group says. It says women age 50 to 74 should have mammograms less frequently — every two years, rather than every year. And it said doctors should stop teaching women to examine their breasts on a regular basis.

Just seven years ago, the same group, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, with different members, recommended that women have mammograms every one to two years starting at age 40. It found too little evidence to take a stand on breast self-examinations.

The task force is an independent panel of experts in prevention and primary care appointed by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Its new guidelines, which are different from those of some professional and advocacy organizations, are published online in The Annals of Internal Medicine. They are likely to touch off yet another round of controversy over the benefits of screening for breast cancer.

U.N. Inspectors Fear Iran Is Hiding Nuclear Plants

By David E. Sanger and William J. Broad

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON

On Monday, International inspectors who gained access to Iran’s newly revealed underground nuclear enrichment plant voiced strong suspicions in a report, saying that the country was concealing other atomic facilities.

The report was the first independent account of what was contained in the once-secret plant, tunneled into the side of a mountain, and came as the Obama administration was expressing growing impatience with Iran’s slow response in nuclear negotiations.

In unusually tough language, the International Atomic Energy Agency appeared highly skeptical that Iran would have built the enrichment plant without also constructing a variety of other facilities that would give it an alternative way to produce nuclear fuel if its main centers were bombed.

So far, Iran has denied that it built other hidden sites in addition to the one deep underground on a military base about 12 miles north of the holy city of Qum. The inspectors were given access to the plant late last month and reported that they

had found it in “an advanced state” of construction, but that no centrifuges — the fast-spinning machines needed to make nuclear fuel — had yet been installed.

The inspectors said Iran had “provided access to all areas of the facility” and planned to complete it by 2011. They also said they had so far been unable to interview its director and designers.

The inspectors confirmed U.S. and European intelligence reports that the site had been built to house about 3,000 centrifuges, enough to produce enough material for one or two nuclear weapons a year. But that is too small to be useful in the production of fuel for civilian nuclear power, which is what Iran insists is the intended purpose of the site.

The plant’s existence was revealed in September, as many as seven years after construction had begun.

The report comes just two days after President Barack Obama, on a trip to Asia, said “we are running out of time” for Iran to sign onto a deal to ship part of its nuclear fuel out of the country. He said he would begin to plan for far more stringent economic sanctions against Tehran.

He was joined during that announcement by President Dmitri A. Medvedev of Russia, but Medvedev was vague about whether Russia was prepared to join in those sanctions. Obama was expected to take up the issue on Tuesday with President Hu Jintao of China, where Obama is on a state visit. China, like Russia, has historically resisted sanctions on Iran.

In its report, the agency said that Iran’s belated “declaration of the new facility reduces the level of confidence in the absence of other nuclear facilities under construction, and gives rise to questions about whether there were any other nuclear facilities in Iran which had not been declared to the agency.”

Ian Kelly, a spokesman for the State Department, that the report “underscores that Iran still refuses to comply fully with its international nuclear obligations.”

Both International Atomic Energy Agency officials and U.S. and European diplomats and nuclear experts have argued that the existence of the hidden facility at Qum would make little sense unless there was a network of related covert facilities to feed it with raw nuclear fuel.

Obama Takes Part in a Town Hall, Chinese Style

By Helene Cooper and David Barboza

THE NEW YORK TIMES

SHANGHAI

The event was called a town hall, but President Barack Obama’s meeting with a group of about 500 students in this Chinese city on Monday had little in common with the sometimes raucous exchanges that have become a fixture of American politics.

It was, instead, an example of Chinese-style stagecraft. Most of the those who attended the event at the Museum of Science and Technology here turned out to be members of the Communist Youth League, an official organization that grooms obedient students for future leadership posts. Some Chinese bloggers the White House tried to invite were barred from attending. Even then, the Chinese government took no chances, declining to broadcast the event live

to a national audience — or even mention that it happened on the main evening newscast of state-run China Central Television.

The scripted interaction underscored the obstacles Obama faces as he tries to manage the American relationship with authoritarian China, whose wealth and clout have surged as its economy has weathered the global downturn far more robustly than the United States or Europe.

The White House spent weeks wrangling with Chinese authorities over who would be allowed to attend the Shanghai town hall, including how much access the press would have, and whether it would be broadcast live throughout the country. In the end Obama had little chance to promote a message to the broader Chinese public, though he will answer questions along with President Hu Jintao after their meeting in Bei-

jing on Tuesday.

The event in some respects marked a retreat from the reception given at least two former American presidents, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, both of whom asked for, and were granted, the right to address the Chinese people and answer their questions in a live national broadcast.

The official Xinhua News Agency offered only a written transcript of the exchange on its Web site instead of the live webcast it had promised. The White House streamed the event live on its Web site (www.whitehouse.gov), which did not appear to be blocked inside China. But that site is not a common destination for ordinary Chinese looking for breaking news.

Although it was carefully choreographed, the event gave Obama a slight opening to prod the Chinese authorities toward more openness.

WEATHER

Sun, Sun, Sun

By Angela Zalucha

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

High pressure builds into the area today, providing light winds and a sunny sky and letting meteorologists let down their guard for a few days. Light winds and a lack of clouds is a win-win combination for winter cold at night, since these are the circumstances that allow the ground to radiate heat efficiently to space once the sun goes down.

At this time of year, the ocean is warmer than the air at night, providing a heat source for those located near the coast. Those living in or near the city of Boston also experience the urban heat island effect. Cities are built from materials that are better at absorbing heat during the day than the land in surrounding areas. At night, the city radiates this heat, which may keep the temperature in the city several degrees above the countryside well after sunset.

High temperatures for the week will be in the 50s°F with lows around 40°F. The chance of rain returns again this weekend.

Extended Forecast

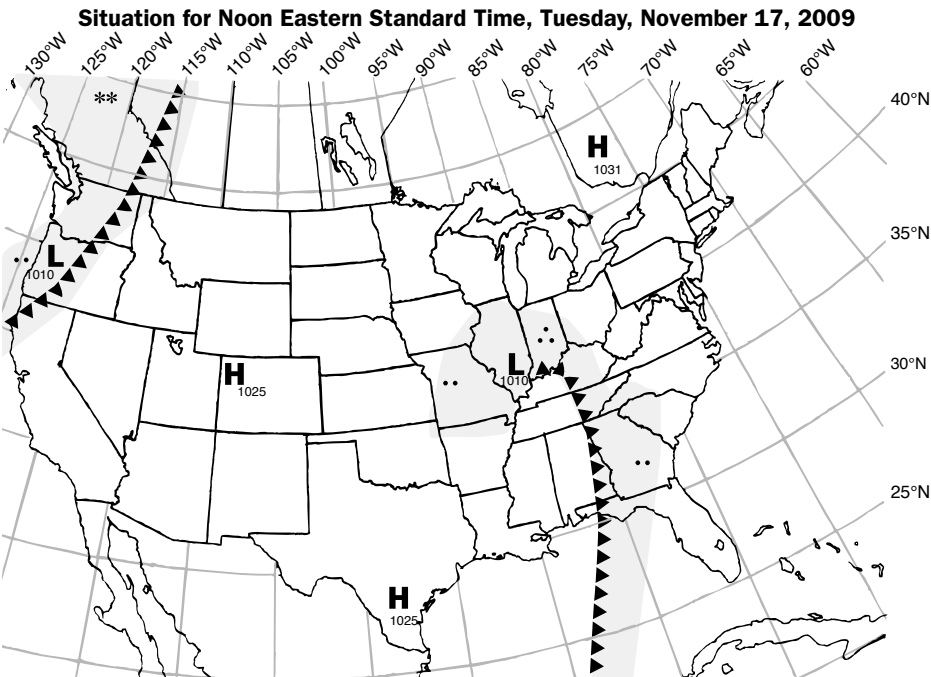
Today: Sunny. High 50°F (10°C). Northeast winds 5–10 mph.

Tonight: Clear. Low 39°F (4°C).

Tomorrow: Sunny. High 55°F (13°C). North winds at 5 mph shifting to south in the afternoon.

Thursday: Clear. Low 42°F (6°C).

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High 59°F (15°C).



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	— — — Trough	Snow	Fog
L Low Pressure	— — — Warm Front	Showers	Thunderstorm
Hurricane	▲ ▲ ▲ Cold Front	Light	Haze
	▲ — — Stationary Front	Moderate	
		Heavy	
			Compiled by MIT Meteorology Staff and The Tech

A U.S. Visa, Shouts of Corruption, and Barrels of Oil

By Ian Urbina
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Several times every year, Teodoro Nguema Obiang arrives at the doorstep of the United States from his home in Equatorial Guinea, on his way to his \$35 million estate in Malibu, Calif., his fleet of luxury cars, his speedboats and private jet. And he is always let into the country.

The nation’s doors are open to Obiang, the forest and agriculture minister of Equatorial Guinea and the son of its president, even though federal law enforcement officials believe that “most if not all” of his wealth comes from corruption related to the extensive oil and gas reserves discovered more than a decade and a half ago off the coast of his tiny West African country, according to internal Justice Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement documents.

And they are open despite a federal law and a presidential proclamation that prohibit corrupt foreign officials and their families from receiving U.S. visas. The measures require only credible evidence of corruption, not a conviction of it.

Susan Pittman, a spokeswoman

for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement in the State Department, said she was prohibited from discussing specific visa decisions. But other former and current State Department officials said Equatorial Guinea’s close ties to the American oil industry were the reason for the lax enforcement of the law. Production of the country’s nearly 400,000 barrels of oil a day is dominated by American companies like ExxonMobil, Hess and Marathon.

“Of course it’s because of oil,” said John Bennett, U.S. ambassador to Equatorial Guinea from 1991 to 1994, adding that Washington has turned a blind eye to the Obiangs’ corruption and repression because of its dependence on the country for natural resources. He noted that officials of Zimbabwe are barred from the United States.

“Both countries are severely repressive,” said Bennett, who is a senior foreign affairs officer for the State Department in Baghdad. “But if Zimbabwe had Equatorial Guinea’s oil, Zimbabwean officials wouldn’t still be blocked from the U.S.”

Daniel Whitman, who retired in

September as the deputy director of the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Bureau of African Affairs at the State Department, agreed that the law should be used more forcefully.

“We just seem to lack the backbone to use this prohibition,” Whitman said. “In the rare cases it is used, no one at State was willing to talk about it.”

When asked how many times the laws have been used to bar corrupt foreign officials from entering the country, State Department officials declined to answer, citing privacy reasons, though Pittman said thousands of visas had been denied to corrupt officials using other legal means. A 2007 State Department report said the presidential proclamation, signed by President George W. Bush in 2004, had been used “dozens” of times.

A State Department official who handles corruption investigations said that while the measures were important tools, the department as a matter of policy did not want to reveal the number of times they had been used because it would show that the number was actually quite small.

When the Budget Director Talks, People Will Listen

By Sheryl Gay Stolberg
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Most people have never heard of Douglas W. Elmendorf. But all of official Washington is waiting to hear what he has to say.

Elmendorf, a mild-mannered economist with a Harvard Ph.D., runs the Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan agency charged with assessing how legislation, like President Barack Obama’s proposed health overhaul, would affect the federal budget. His detailed analyses — “scores” in Washington argot — are highly educated guesswork but are more or less the final word, making him a combination oracle and judge on many of the biggest issues of the day.

Now Congress is awaiting Elmendorf’s judgment on a health bill that the Senate hopes to begin considering soon. He is in the thick of analyzing whether the bill, being drafted by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader, in close consultation with the White House, accomplishes what it promises at its advertised cost. In search of a favorable outcome, Reid has been submitting variations to El-

mendorf for weeks.

A thumbs-up from Elmendorf could speed the process along, helping Obama fulfill his hope of signing a bill into law this year. A thumbs-down on any of the critical questions — how much the bill costs, how many people it covers, whether it reins in the runaway growth of health spending — could leave the White House and Democrats scrambling.

Democrats, who have been chafing at his calculations, sound nervous.

“He’s a good person, you know, but how they evaluate costs and benefits is very frustrating,” said Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn. “They can tell you how much a treadmill costs, but they’re unwilling to calculate what the benefit is if somebody actually uses it, loses weight and therefore reduces premium costs. So you get a kind of one-dimensional view of budgeting.”

Elmendorf — bearded, bespectacled and cautious to a fault — shuns publicity and almost never appears on television, except for the occasional hearing shown on C-Span. He and his team of number crunchers occupy the cramped fourth floor of a government building that once

housed FBI fingerprint files. His own office has a view of the freeway.

His work has earned him respect on both side of the aisle. Yet he also has critics who complain that he is making it harder for Democrats to pass health legislation by using methods that tend to exaggerate cost and underestimate savings.

Elmendorf said he is simply following the agency’s time-honored approach to producing “independent, objective analysis” and “letting the chips fall where they may.”

Yet for a quiet man who thinks carefully about everything — he courted his future wife by inviting her to a baseball game, after calculating that games offer precisely enough activity to fill in conversation lulls — Washington’s health care cauldron is an uncomfortable place to be. He is a Democrat who left partisan politics to join the budget office in January, and he is irking old friends.

“I get e-mail messages and read blog postings that think I’m a brilliant hero, and I also get blog postings and e-mail messages that think I’m a stupid traitor, and I’ve learned to let that roll off my back,” he said.

GM Shows Signs of Recovery Despite Quarterly Loss

By Bill Vlasic
THE NEW YORK TIMES

General Motors, whose very survival was in doubt earlier this year, is showing signs of life after its brief tour through bankruptcy this summer.

GM said Monday that while it was still losing money, it had stabilized enough that it could take an important symbolic step and begin returning some of the \$50 billion that the federal government provided to help give it a second chance.

The Obama administration said it was “encouraged” by GM’s initial performance since emerging from bankruptcy in July.

Others who had supported a GM bailout, despite widespread skepticism that the company’s problems were too big and numerous to fix, said GM had taken a big step toward a lasting recovery.

“The company is on its way to fulfilling its promise to American taxpayers,” said Rep. John D. Dingell, D-Mich.

Analysts said it was too soon to give high grades to its management

team and board simply because they had stabilized the company.

“I’d say their grade is incomplete,” said David E. Cole, director of the Center for Automotive Research. “They have done what they needed to do in the bankruptcy, but what’s critical is getting the fundamentals of the business on the right track.”

Paying back a portion of its government loans is only a first step in the rehabilitation of GM, which collapsed after years of heavy losses and bad decisions in the marketplace.

GM’s management and its new board of directors must show that it can create value for its biggest shareholder, the U.S. government, by attracting consumers with cars that they want to buy without resorting to deep discounts.

GM’s results showed a healthier balance sheet, ample cash, and factory production much more in line with consumer demand — improvements it owes largely to the bankruptcy process, the helping hand of the federal government and a modest increase in car sales.

Even with that help, the nation’s

largest automaker still lost nearly \$1.2 billion in the third quarter.

But GM’s managers and directors have also made some fast decisions to help the company. They have shaken up the company’s famously bureaucratic culture. And they have used aggressive marketing, including a 60-day money-back guarantee, and some well-received new products, like the Cadillac SRX crossover, to bring shoppers back to showrooms.

As a result, even though GM has shed four of its brands, it has managed to hold onto roughly a fifth of the overall car market in the United States. The company is also generating cash now, rather than bleeding it.

That is why the company is in a position to begin paying back \$6.7 billion in federal loans as soon as next month. “We think it’s important that we show the taxpayer we can repay this investment,” GM’s chief executive, Fritz Henderson, said Monday.

GM is still faring poorly compared to its cross-town rival, Ford Motor Co., which earned a \$1-billion profit in the third quarter without the benefit of any government assistance.

49 Million Americans Report A Lack of Food

By Jason Deparle
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The number of Americans who lived in households that lacked consistent access to adequate food soared last year, to 49 million, the highest since the government began tracking what it calls “food insecurity” 14 years ago, the Department of Agriculture reported Monday.

The increase, of 13 million Americans, was much larger than even the most pessimistic observers of hunger trends had expected.

About a third of these struggling households suffered what the researchers called “very low food security,” the most severe form measured, meaning lack of money forced some members to skip meals, cut portions or otherwise forgo food at some point during the year.

The other two-thirds typically had enough to eat, but only by eating cheaper or less varied foods, relying on government aid like food stamps, or visiting food pantries and soup kitchens.

“These numbers are a wake-up call for the country,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

One figure that drew officials’ attention was the number of households, 506,000, in which children faced “very low food security”: up from 323,000 the previous year. President Barack Obama, who has pledged to end childhood hunger by 2015, released a statement while traveling in Asia that called the finding “particularly troubling.”

Startup Called ‘Glyde’ Challenges eBay and Amazon

By Brad Stone
THE NEW YORK TIMES

People whose old books, CDs, DVDs and video games are collecting dust on their shelves will soon have another way to resell them on the Web.

On Monday, Glyde, a startup based in Palo Alto, Calif., plans to introduce a Web site intended to make it simple for people to buy and sell used media products: www.glyde.com.

The company, which will be challenging formidable giants like eBay and Amazon.com, is the brainchild of Simon Rothman, who worked at eBay from 1999 to 2005 and was the primary creator and executive in charge of its automotive site, eBay Motors.

Glyde will, among other things, supply sellers with a stamped, pre-addressed envelope once their item has been bought.

The company’s approach faces inherent challenges. The market is dominated by eBay and its somewhat forgotten media-focused site, Half.com. Then there is Amazon.com, which this year began allowing people to trade in used video games and DVDs for store credit.

Glyde’s approach is to attract people using a slick, uncluttered Web site that cuts many steps out of the e-commerce process. Sellers indicate the item they want to offer and specify its condition. They do not have to upload a photo or type in a product description. The site suggests the market value; if the seller adjusts the price, they are told how many cheaper items are ahead of theirs in the queue.

More Delays for Iranian Nuclear Power Plant

By Michael Schwartz
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Russia added a new note of discord to its relations with Iran on Monday, announcing that a Russian-built nuclear power plant in Iran would not come online at the end of the year as planned.

Russia’s energy minister said that politics had played no role in delaying the startup of the plant, a focal point in a broader dispute over Iran’s nuclear ambitions. And although Iran’s senior leadership offered no immediate response, hard-line members of its Parliament excoriated the delay, calling Russia “dishonest.”

“If we wait another 200 years, the Russians will not complete the plant,” said Mahmoud Ahmadi Bighash, a member of Parliament, according to Iran’s ISNA news agency. “It is naive to believe that the Russians are cooperating with us.”

The startup of the plant, at Bushehr, in southern Iran, has been plagued by delays since Russia took over work on the facility in the mid-1990s, with Russian officials often appearing to use the project as leverage in negotiations with Iran’s leaders.

Sergei Shmatko, the Russian energy minister, said Monday that “technical issues” were responsible for the latest postponement.

“We expect serious results by the end of the year, but the launch itself will not occur,” Shmatko said at a news conference in Moscow, according to the RIA Novosti news agency. He vowed that the Bushehr plant would be completed, but said that the date would depend on security guarantees at the facility.

Paying Extra for Green Power, And Getting Ads Instead

By Kate Galbraith
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The solicitations have been flooding people’s mailboxes lately: pay a bit more on your electricity bill for 100 percent clean wind power. Or, the fliers say, buy “green power certificates” to offset your global warming emissions.

Close to a million electricity customers have signed up for such payments voluntarily, and the amount of electricity sold in this way has nearly tripled since 2005. But the participants are in a distinct minority, with a sign-up rate of only about 2 percent in programs run by utilities.

The government has looked at the question of whether these programs really cause more renewable energy projects to get built, and says it is difficult to draw an overall conclusion. Its experts say they believe that some green power programs work better than others.

At least one major program has come under fire from regulators. Last year, a Florida Power and Light green power program was terminated by the state’s Public Service Commission after an audit found that promised solar power facilities were far behind schedule. The program had more than 38,000 customers, and was once the sixth-largest in the country. The audit also found that the vast majority of homeowners’ payments went into marketing and administration.

About a quarter of the country’s utilities offer green power programs, and the way they are structured varies.

OPINION

Letters To The Editor

Building the College Democrats at MIT

I was excited to read a letter written to *The Tech* on November 3rd by Rachel Seal-fon, “Where are the College Democrats.” It is a question I and many other members of the College Democrats of Massachusetts have asked. MIT is world-renowned for being on the forefront of political action and social thought in our nation, so why is it that there is

no organized group of College Democrats on campus? I worked last year as the Student Co-ordinator for the Obama campaign in Massa-chusetts, and saw firsthand the amazing work that “MIT for Obama” accomplished. Leaders of that group, like Catherine Havasi ’03 and Shankar Mukherji G, were able to register hundreds of MIT students from “Obama swing states” to vote in that state, where their vote could make a difference. Imagine the work an organized and established group could do on behalf of the re-election campaigns of Gover-

nor Patrick, President Obama, and many other progressives. So here is my challenge: the Executive Board of the College Democrats of Massachusetts will sit down with anyone in-terested in starting a MIT College Democrats chapter, anytime, anyplace. Feel free to con-tact me, (508) 241-6200 or johnsonp@macol-lededems.org.

Pat Johnson
President, College Democrats of
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MIT’s Obligation to the Hyatt’s Workers

Rachel Sealfon

Recently, I was jogging near my dorm when I passed a group of people holding bunches of red helium balloons that read, “Boycott Hyatt.” Curious, I approached a protester and asked him why he wanted to boycott the Hyatt Re-gency Cambridge, a hotel next to Tang Hall patronized by MIT visitors, parents, and scien-tific meetings.

He told me that at the end of August, nine-ty-eight housekeepers had been fired from this Hyatt and from two other Hyatts in the Boston area (the Hyatt Regency Boston and the Hyatt Harborside at Logan International Airport).

I jogged on, and when I got back to my dorm room, I looked up “boycott Hyatt” on Google News. By all accounts, the Hyatt treated its staff abysmally. Some of the housekeepers had worked for Hyatt for over twenty years, yet they were given no advance notice that they were to be fired. The housekeepers claim that they were asked to train the workers who replaced them under the pretense that these workers would fill in for them when they were sick or on vacation. The housekeepers were originally paid \$14–16 dollars per hour, with health benefits, while the staff who replaced them earn about \$8 per hour, with no benefits.

“They kick us out without notice on our last

day of work,” housekeeper Serandou Kamara told the *New York Times*. “The way they treat us was like animals.”

So far, Hyatt has done little to remedy the situation. The hotel chain has offered to em-ploy the housekeepers at a staffing agency at their current rate of pay through the end of 2010 and continue their health care benefits through March 2010. Understandably, the housekeepers have not been enthusiastic about this offer — after all, at the end of a year they would likely only be able to find jobs for the kind of temporary agency that displaced them. “We will not accept temp positions that are de-signed to put others out of work,” fired house-keeper Lucine Williams, who worked for Hyatt for almost 22 years, told the *Boston Globe*. A number of organizations, businesses, and poli-ticians, including Governor Deval Patrick, have called for a boycott of the Hyatt as a result of these layoffs.

If the MIT community joins the governor in boycotting the Hyatt, we may be able to have a real impact on this issue — MIT does a lot of business at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge. Plus, MIT has a hotel services partnership agreement with the Hyatt. Many conferences that are affiliated with MIT take place at or di-rect attendees to stay at the Hyatt, including the Alumni Leadership conference in September and the System Design and Management and

iGEM conferences in October. The MIT Re-search and Development Conference, sched-uled for November 17–18 and described on its website as a “flagship MIT conference,” has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at the Hyatt. A number of MIT conferences sched-uled in 2010 have reserved rooms in or are tak-ing place at the Hyatt as well. The location of the Hyatt is indicated on printed campus maps. During freshman parents’ weekend, many par-ents of freshmen stayed at the Hyatt. Parents of members of the senior class may soon con-sider making room reservations at the Hyatt in preparation for graduation.

However, it’s not enough to just avoid the Hyatt without letting them know why you will not do business with them. In order for a boy-cott to be effective, the Hyatt must know that you choose to avoid it because of how they have treated their workers. So, tell your parents not to stay there, schedule your conference elsewhere, direct your visitor to another hotel and write to the Hyatt to let them know why. You can let Hyatt know that you are disappointed by how they’ve treated their workers by signing the pledge at <http://www.hotelworkersrising.org/hyatt100/pledge.php>, and by writing to Michael Hickey, the General Manager of the Hyatt Regency Cambridge, at michael.hickey@hyatt.com.

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By Michael T. Lin
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

As part of a likely-futile effort as of late to

Also a point of breakfast contention is the matter of eggs and their preparation. How civilization came across as many ways to cook eggs (or not cook eggs, if you're training for a championship boxing match) as we have is beyond me, but there are probably at least a dozen, and although most of them seem to taste exactly the same, the subtleties between them seem to be enough that the pickier of

Alternate sources of grain-slash-starch in your complete breakfast range from the pancakes/waffles/French toast family to oatmeal to hash browns (in either patty or shredded form). If you're at a point in your life where

Well, barring any tangents on bacon vs. sausage (sausage links are better than bacon are better than sausage patties, although I typically don't have meat with breakfast), I suspect that exhausts my logical thought processes with regards to breakfast. Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got some exercising to do. My breakfast of barbeque-flavored potato chips, Cheetos, and a juice box isn't going to compensate for itself.

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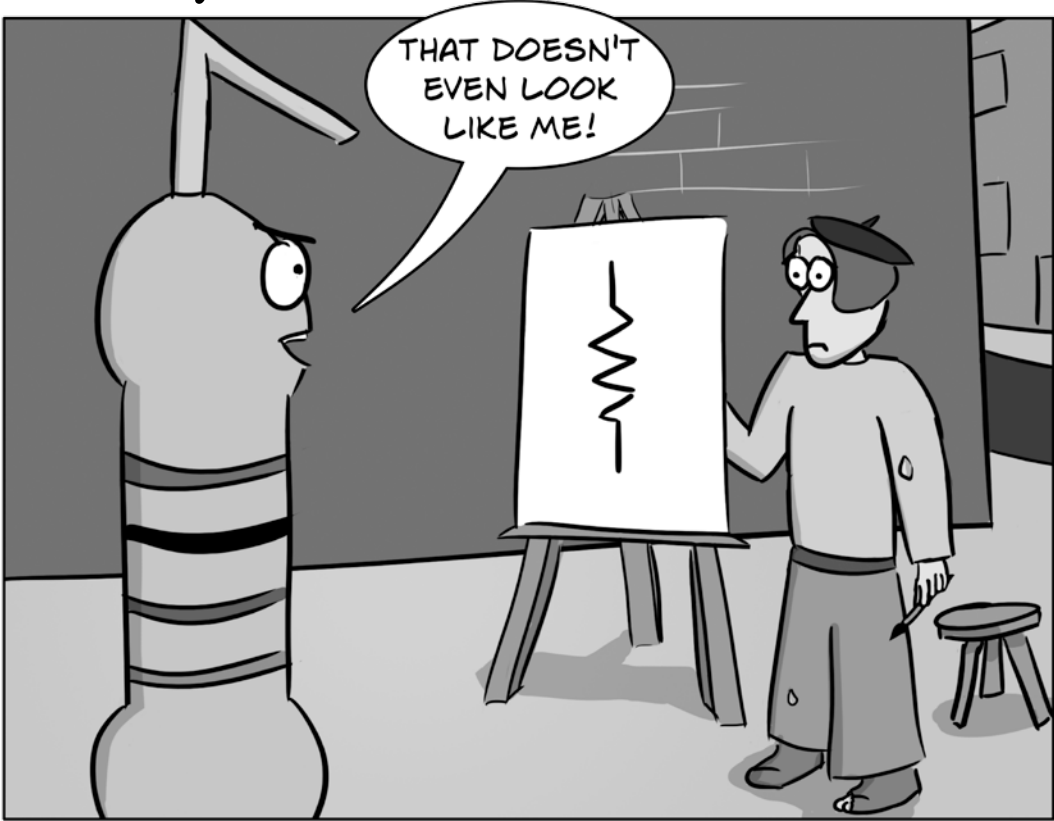
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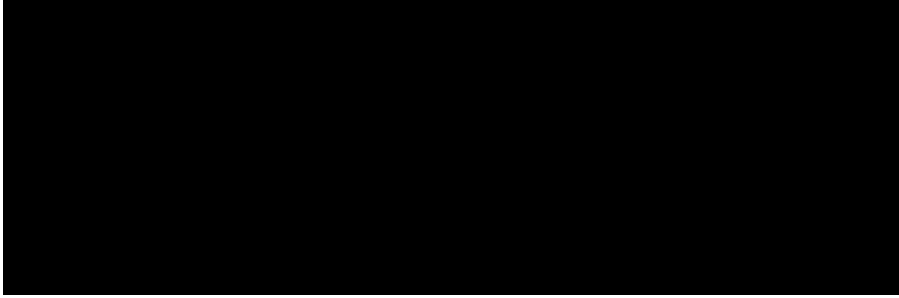
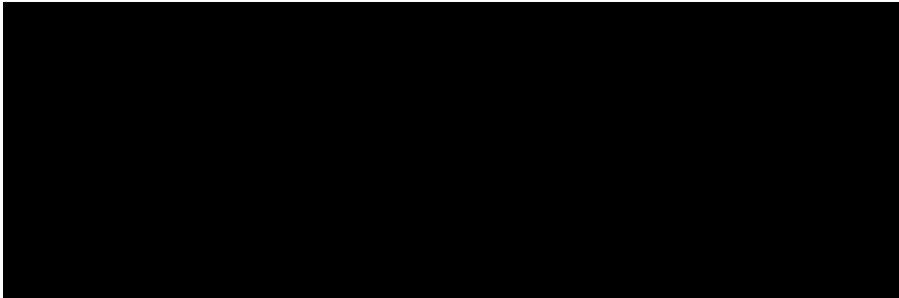
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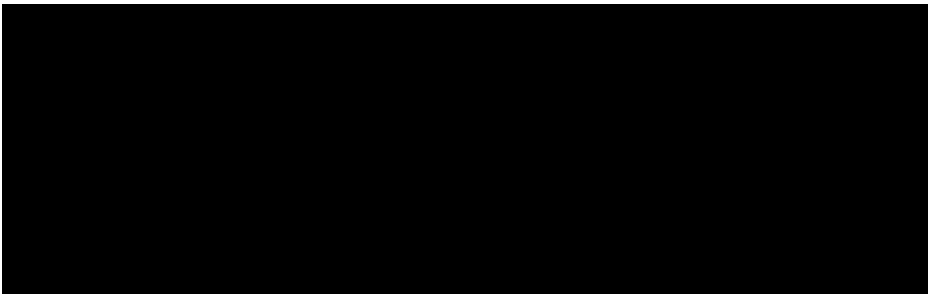
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Solution, page 11

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- 16 Minneapolis suburb
- 17 Scorch
- 18 Mexican cash
- 19 Updated record release
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- 22 Italian car
- 24 Feminine city on Lake Mich.?
- 26 Singer Brenda
- 27 ___ ex machina
- 28 Early Peruvian
- 30 Sierra Nevada lake
- 34 Coating
- 36 Those in favor
- 39 End up equal

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- 41 Northern Ireland capital
- 43 Have the nerve
- 44 Extinct birds
- 46 Positive replies
- 47 Smacking blow
- 49 Noggin
- 51 German exclamation
- 53 Self-centered rice-growing region?
- 59 Poster boy
- 61 Tell
- 62 Check recipient
- 63 Pilaf base
- 65 "Come ___ my parlor..."
- 66 Quaking tree
- 67 Caesar's being
- 68 Bluish green
- 69 Enjoys a book
- 70 Cries of discovery
- 71 Biblical weed

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- 3 Photographer Arbus
- 4 Use elbow grease
- 5 The Sailor Man
- 6 Dander
- 7 Fumigator's gear
- 8 Ashcan School painter John
- 9 After starter?
- 10 River to the Baltic
- 11 Manly mountains?
- 12 Bring together
- 13 Glenn Close movie
- 21 Cowpuncher contest
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- 32 Girl's chocolate loc.?
- 33 Turow book
- 35 "Ghosts" playwright
- 37 Linguistic suffix
- 38 Ave. crossers
- 40 Called strikes, for short
- 42 Comic/panelist Paul
- 45 Put an end to
- 48 Somme port
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- 51 How some stocks sell
- 52 Discontinue
- 54 Divided nation
- 55 Dis-lodge?
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- 57 Mongolian invader
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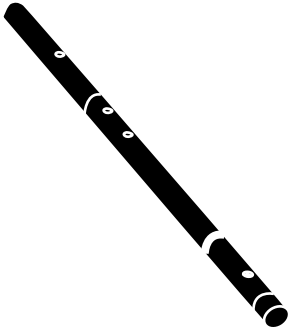
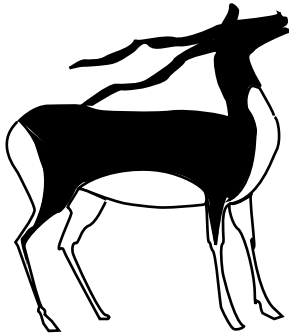
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Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the Campus Police between October 14 and October 29. The dates below reflect the dates incidents occurred. This information is compiled from the Campus Police’s crime log. The report does not include alarms, general service calls, or incidents not reported to the dispatcher.

- Oct. 3 East Campus (Bldg. 64), 7:00 a.m., past larceny of a bicycle.
- Oct. 10 Bldg. E38 (292 Main St.), 1:00 p.m., larceny of LCD projector.
- Oct. 11 407 Memorial Dr., 6:00 p.m., larceny of two bicycles chained together.
- Oct. 12 Bldg. 66 (25 Ames St.), 9:00 a.m., larceny of laptop.
- Oct. 13 Bldg. E19 (400 Main St.), 4:00 p.m., larceny of iPhone.
- Oct. 14 Bldg. 31 (70 Vassar St.), larceny of tools report by facilities.
- Oct. 14 Albany Garage, 7:00 a.m., vehicle broken into, larceny of wallet.
- Oct. 14 Bldg. 3, 1:00 p.m., larceny of desktop computer.
- Oct. 14 Ashdown House (NW35), 8:30 p.m., money stolen from a wallet.
- Oct. 14 Bldg. 4 (77 Mass. Ave.), 9:30 p.m., larceny of laptop.
- Oct. 15 Bldg. E25 (45 Carlton St.), 9:00 a.m., larceny from lab.
- Oct. 15 Bldg. 35 (127 Mass. Ave.), 2:30 p.m., larceny of laptop.
- Oct. 16 Bldg. E53 (30 Wadsworth St.), 12:00 p.m., larceny of bicycle.
- Oct. 16 Bexley Hall (W13), 5:00 p.m., larceny of bicycle.
- Oct. 16 Burton-Conner (W51), 8:00 p.m., larceny of laptop.
- Oct. 16 Bldg. E40 (1 Amherst St.), 8:45 p.m., larceny of DVDs.
- Oct. 16 Bldg. 10 (122 Mem. Dr.), 9:00 p.m., larceny of bicycle secured with a cable.
- Oct. 16 Burton-Conner (W51), 10:00 p.m., larceny of laptop.
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- Oct. 17 Burton-Conner (W51), 10:00 a.m., report of room broken into.
- Oct. 17 Bldg. 66 (25 Ames St.), 12:00 p.m., larceny of laptop secured with a cable.
- Oct. 17 Bldg. 13 (105 Mass. Ave), 1:00 p.m., larceny of wallet from bag during dance lessons.
- Oct. 17 Burton-Conner (W51), 3:00 p.m., larceny of laptop and camera.
- Oct. 18 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 7:00 p.m., past larceny of wallet.
- Oct. 19 Bldg. E23 (25 Carlton St.), 9:00 a.m., larceny of camera.
- Oct. 19 Bldg. NE80 (1 Hampshire St.), 3:30 p.m., larceny of two laptops.
- Oct. 20 120 Bay State Rd., 10:00 a.m., larceny of laptop.
- Oct. 20 Bldg. E19 (400 Main St.), 4:45 p.m., report of hit and run involving an MIT Facilities truck.
- Oct. 21 Bldg. 38, 1:20 p.m., report of annoying phone calls.
- Oct. 21 Sidney-Pacific (NW86), 2:00 p.m., vehicle window smashed, larceny of GPS.
- Oct. 21 Baker House (W7), 6:00 p.m., larceny of three laptops.
- Oct. 22 Baker House (W7), 9:13 p.m., report of suspicious male on fifth floor. Derek Correia, 60 Albin St., of Somerville, MA arrested for breaking and entering, and larceny of over \$250.
- Oct. 23 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 2:30 p.m., larceny of wallet.
- Oct. 23 Kappa Sigma (406 Memorial Dr.), 11:00 p.m., larceny of wallet, coat.
- Oct. 24 Bldg. E53 (30 Wadsworth St.), 12:30 p.m., larceny of wallet from Dewey Library.
- Oct. 24 Bldg. W20 (Student Center), 2:00 p.m., larceny of wallet.
- Oct. 28 33 Mass. Ave, 2:06 a.m., report of person in water near Harvard Bridge. Subject safe, placed in state police custody.
- Oct. 28 Bldg. W35 (Z-Center), 11:50 p.m., larceny of wallet from unlocked locker.
- Oct. 29 Bldg. E51 (70 Mem. Dr.), 1:17 a.m., report of individual taking paper from an Athena lab.

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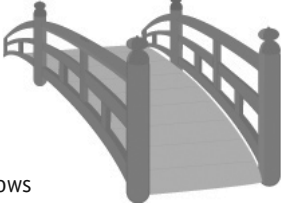
MIT Interfaith Dialogue Program

Speaker: Dr. Diana L. Eck,



Professor of Comparative Religion and
Indian Studies and Director of the Pluralism Project
at Harvard University. Author of *A New Religious
America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become
the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation* (1997);
*Encountering God:
A Spiritual Journey
from Bozeman to Banaras* (1993); and
Banaras, City of Light (1982).

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SPORTS

Women's Cross Country Team Wins NE Regional Championship

By Greg McKeever
DAPER STAFF

The MIT women's cross country team came into Saturday's NCAA Division III New England Regional Championship ranked number four in the nation and tops in the region. Thanks to an impressive performance led by individual champion Jacqueline M. Wentz '10 and third-place finisher, Maria J. Monks '10, the Engineers justified those rankings and took home the Team Championship for the first time in program history. MIT and defend-



ing National Champion Middlebury finished with the same number of team points, 63, with their top five runners, but Brooke C. Johnson '13 came through the chute just 2.1 seconds faster than Middlebury's number six, giving Tech the tiebreaker and the New England Championship. Wentz was the first to complete the six-kilometer course, breaking the tape in 21:35.7. The senior easily eclipsed Debbie Won '00's Institute-best fifth-place finish at this Championship in 1998. Two weeks after earning NEWMAC Runner of the Year honors, Monks finished in third place with a time of 21:44.9. Alina E.

Gatowski '11 gave MIT a third harrier in the top 10, turning in a time of 22:05.4 to finish eighth. Katherine J. Eve '12 (22:32.5) and Tania K. Morimoto '12 (22:38.2) picked up key points with 24th and 27th place showings, respectively. But, it was Johnson's strong finish to beat out Erin Toner of Middlebury that wound up clinching the Championship for the Cardinal and Grey. The Engineers automatically qualify for the NCAA Division III Championship, held next Saturday at Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland, Ohio. The women's Championship race begins at 11:00 a.m.

SCOREBOARD	
Men's Cross Country	
Saturday, November 14, 2009	
New England D-III Championship	
MIT	6th of 48
Women's Cross Country	
Saturday, November 14, 2009	
New England D-III Championship	
MIT	1st of 47
Field Hockey	
Saturday, November 14, 2009	
Tufts University	5
MIT	1
Women's Soccer	
Saturday, November 14, 2009	
Rowan University	3
MIT	0

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS	
Tuesday, November 17, 2009	
Women's Basketball vs. Wentworth College	
	7 p.m., Rockwell Cage

Men's Cross Country Sixth at New England Regional Championship

The MIT men's cross country team took sixth place at the NCAA Division III New England Championship, hosted by the University of Southern Maine on Saturday. NEWMAC Runner of the Year, Hemagiri Arumugam '10, was the top overall finisher for the Cardinal and Grey, who matched the program's best finish at the meet since 2003, with 163 total points.

Arumugam navigated the eight-kilometer Championship course in 25:59.7, to place 20th overall. Paul Welle came through the chute directly behind him in 26:03.8. Gihan S. Amarasiwardena '11 turned in a time of 26:22.2 to take 37th. Daniel E. Harper. '12 crossed the finish in 26:26.6, good for 41st overall. William S. Phipps '10 (26:28.0) rounded out the scoring for Tech, coming through in the 44th position.

—Greg McKeever, *DAPER Staff*

Sports Shorts

Rowan Eliminates Women's Soccer, 3-0 in NCAA First Round

Rowan University defeated MIT 3-0 in the opening round of the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Playoffs. Rowan opened the scoring in the 28th minute on a penalty kick, then scored again three minutes later for a 2-0 lead. Rowan would add one more goal in the second half on a breakaway, for a final score 3-0.

—Greg McKeever, *DAPER Staff*

The Engineers had several chances to score, including Kathryn A. Pesce '10's shot off the crossbar and Alisha D. Lussiez '12 miss in the box in the 32nd minute, but they were unable to convert.

"We've been playing big games for two weeks now," MIT coach Martin Desmarais said. "We came up strong in each of those games." MIT finishes its season at 12-6-2.

—Paul Blascovich, *DAPER Staff*

Field Hockey Falls to Tufts, 5-1, in NCAA Second Round

The MIT field hockey team lost to nationally-ranked number four Tufts University in the Second Round of the NCAA Division III Tournament on Saturday, bringing to an end the Engineers' record-breaking 2009 campaign. Tech's season comes to a close at 18-5.

Tufts came out strong from the outset, with Michelle Kelly scoring twice in the game's first three and a half minutes. Kameron L. Klauber '12 had an opportunity to cut into the lead, following a penalty corner, but was denied by the Tufts goalie. With just under five minutes to go in the frame, Kelly broke through again to complete her hat trick and send the game into the break at 3-0.

Just under two minutes into the second period, Tufts scored again. Molly E. McShane '13 did finally find the back of the net with less than 12 minutes remaining on an assist by Kimberly A. Barker '13. A final goal with 2:41 remaining would give Tufts its final 5-1 margin.

NEWMAC All-Conference goalkeeper Keri A. Dixon '11 made eight saves in the loss.

MIT set new program records for overall wins (18), consecutive wins (nine) and goals scored (79) in 2009 while capturing the program's first ever NEWMAC Championship.

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Professor Michael F. Rubner
TDK Professor of Materials Science and Engineering
Director, Center for Materials Science and Engineering
MacVicar Faculty Fellow

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The Wulff Lecture is an introductory, general-audience, entertaining lecture which serves to educate, inspire, and encourage MIT undergraduates to take up study in the field of materials science and engineering and related fields. The entire MIT community, particularly freshmen, is invited to attend. The Wulff Lecture honors the late Professor John Wulff, a skilled, provocative, and entertaining teacher who inaugurated a new approach to teaching the popular freshman subject: 3.091 Introduction to Solid State Chemistry.

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